Proposed Scope of Service/Responsibilities

FY 2009 Planning Liaison Scope of Services Scheduled for consideration by the Council of Mayors Executive Committee on 02/05/2008

The Planning Liaison (PL) Program is funded with Federal Metropolitan Planning funds, as allocated in the Unified Work Program (UWP). Local matching funds are provided by each local Council. The PL Program receives Core Supplemental funds to assist CMAP, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Chicago region, in meeting Federal transportation planning requirements including development of a Long Range Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and Congestion Management System. The PL Program also receives Discretionary funds to assist CMAP with additional activities, including development of a comprehensive regional plan and studies, projects and programs related to the region's Focus Areas. The PL Program includes five general task areas described below that will be completed using the Core Supplemental and Discretionary funding allocated in the FY 2009 UWP.

Communication (Core Supplemental/Discretionary)

The PL program will be the basic communication link between CMAP and the suburban mayors. PL staff will provide information about CMAP policies, programs and initiatives to local officials, provide feedback regarding those issues to the CMAP staff, committees and Board and ensure that CMAP is apprised of regional and sub-regional issues of importance to their communities.

General Liaison (Core Supplemental/Discretionary)

The PL program will provide staff assistance as part of the comprehensive regional planning effort. This includes being involved in the CMAP committee structure, providing technical and other support to help achieve CMAP objectives, and providing input on regional planning efforts.

Program Development (Core Supplemental)

The PL staff will facilitate the Surface Transportation Program at the discretion of local Council methodologies while meeting federal requirements. The PL program will assist in the development of sub-regional annual and multi-year multi-modal transportation improvement programs consistent with regional strategies. These efforts will be focused on, but not limited to, the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program, the Enhancement Program and Safe Routes to Schools.

Program Monitoring (Core Supplemental)

The PL program will work with local officials, regional, state and federal agencies and consultants to ensure the timely, efficient and effective implementation of transportation projects. This will include providing regular project status reports as well as close coordination with CMAP and IDOT staff.

Technical Assistance (Core Supplemental/Discretionary)

The PL program will provide technical support and assistance to CMAP and local governments. It will provide data and analysis regarding issues of importance to regional or sub-regional agencies. The PL staff will assist in the coordination and outreach activities of CMAP in the sub-region.